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WITH THE ST. LUKES

A Great Meeting Held at the
Howard Theatre

MANY STIRRING ADDRESSES

A Brilliant Meeting at the New Howard—Rev. Garner Presides and Worthy District Deputy Makes Welcome Address—Every Organization Represented—Miss Mattie E. Bowen Electrifies the Audience—A Royal Welcome to the Independent Order of St. Luke—Editor Chase Represents the Press.

No doubt that the greatest meeting that has ever been held in this city by the Independent Order of St. Luke was in the New Howard Theater last Sunday afternoon. It was a unique gathering of the leading fraternal organizations in this city, the guests of the Independent Order of St. Luke. It was a representative audience in every particular, and seated upon the stage were the representatives of every leading fraternal organization in the city. At 3 o'clock Rev. A. C. Garner, associate deputy, called the meeting to order. He delivered a most timely address, after which he introduced Rev. E. B. Gordon, pastor of the Walker Memorial Baptist Church, who offered prayer. This was followed by a piano solo by Miss Edna Gordon.

Mrs. B. B. Anderson, worthy District deputy of the Independent Order of St. Luke, was introduced, and delivered one of the most scholarly addresses that one would desire to hear. She was calm, eloquent and concise in her utterances. She briefly stated the aims and objects of the St. Luke, and the number in this city she stated was 2,500. She concluded by paying a handsome tribute to the representatives of the different fraternal organizations.

Prof. N. E. Weatherless, F. A. A. M., was the next speaker. He paid a deserving compliment to the St. Luke, and stated that he was about to erect an one hundred thousand dollar building for the Masonic fraternity.

Mrs. Julia M. Layton was the next speaker. She was greeted with applause when she was introduced. She represented the Supreme Deputy Commander, Court of Calanthe.

Miss Blagburn, daughter of Mrs. Lucy A. Blagburn, played a piano solo in the absence of her mother, who was sick.

Addresses were also made by Mrs. Harris, who represented the Household of Ruth, Mr. Johnson, the Knights of Pythias, who were very interesting.

Mr. W. Calvin Chase was introduced and represented the press.

Miss Mattie E. Bowen, known as the Queen of Africa, and who is one of Washington's favorite teachers, electrified the vast audience. She never fails to elicit applause wherever she goes.

Prof. J. T. Layton conducted the music, and his bass solos were enthusiastically applauded. He had to return to the front again. One minute addresses were made by Dr. Allen, I. E. Williamson, A. F. Wallace and others.

Rev. L. C. Moore delivered the benediction.

Prof. Alexander R. Richardson offered the following:

Your Committee on Resolutions has considered that the preparation of this report should be based upon the subject of co-operation among Negro secret societies in Washington.

We recognize that these benevolent and beneficial orders are essential and useful as social and moral forces of the community, and that an alliance of these forces in any good cause would be of great advantage to each and all.

The consideration of this subject in a public gathering is regarded as being in harmony with the call of this meeting, and the ultimate purpose of encouraging the idea of co-operation among the people for their own benefit.

While no exigency or unusual cause of alarm brings us together in a fraternal mass meeting, it is well known that it has long been the desire and hope of our best friends, men and women, that our people should get together and become more united in matters of common interest. Many needed social reforms among our people could be aided by co-operative effort and there are public affairs of vital concern to our race concerning our schools, charitable institutions and the like, which at times require the people's attention. Your committee believes that a central body representing the various societies could be serviceable to all their respective members, representing them when necessary before the municipal authorities, Congress or the President of the United States in the same manner as the mercantile organizations and citizens' associations influence legislation for the public good and the administration of our local affairs. Therefore, your committee reports the following resolution:

Resolved, That the representatives of the fraternities here assembled be requested to formulate a plan whereby a central organization or federation of fraternities may be formed for the purpose of securing co-operation, helping each other and to encourage such movements and enterprises as are of public interest to the colored people of Washington. Be it further Resolved, That each society or order be requested to appoint three members to meet subject to the call of the chairman of this meeting, to

plan such arrangements as will meet the purpose of this resolution.

Resolved further, That public meetings, such as the one here assembled, be hereafter held at such times and places as may be hereafter determined and that each society in turn make the necessary arrangements therefor.

Echoes of the Meeting.

Madame Anderson was presented with a handsome bunch of pinks.

Rev. Garner is a genial presiding officer.

Rev. L. C. Moore believes in his poems.

The lady ushers were tastefully and handsomely dressed. They were polite and accommodating.

Prof. Weatherless gave a boost to his new propaganda.

The great female orator, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, occupied a seat in the box.

Prof. Richardson knew his business. He is an interesting individual.

DR. WASHINGTON IN MAINE.

Spends Busy Day Delivering Addresses at Bowdoin and Bates Colleges.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 26. Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, spent today in Maine, and addressed two large meetings at Bowdoin College and Bates College.

Arriving at Brunswick in the early afternoon, the Negro leader was met at the railroad station by Dean Sills, of Bowdoin, and escorted to historic Memorial Hall. For an hour and a half Dr. Washington discussed the race problem to an audience which filled every available inch of space in the large auditorium.

Immediately after his address at Brunswick, Dr. Washington left for Lewiston, where in the evening, he spoke under the auspices of Bates College, at the First Congregational Church.

Dr. Washington was introduced by President Chase, of Bates, who paid glowing tribute to the work of the Tuskegee educator. The presence of the speaker at Lewiston, attracted a large number of visitors from Bath and other nearby places.

A Public Meeting.

The movement for political independence for the Negroes of this country is making substantial headway.

Appeals are being made from all parts of the country for literature, planks for organizational purposes.

A committee of nine, with Dr. S. L. Corrothers as chairman, are now working upon a plan nation-wide.

Dr. Corrothers is a firm believer in the doctrine of a division of the colored vote.

A public meeting will be held in the interest of political independence of the American Negro, and also enter a protest against the reign of mob violence in this country.

At Galbraith Church Monday night, February 12th, the speakers for the occasion will be the Honorable Peter J. McCombe, of South Dakota, Gen. Andrews S. Burt, of the District of Columbia, J. C. T. Newsom, James H. Howard, of Pennsylvania; Dr. I. N. Ross, J. Anderson Taylor, S. L. Corrothers, Dr. W. Bishop Johnson. More of the details of this public meeting will be given to the public later.

Mr. Frank Wills is to read the emancipation proclamation.

"Mu-So-Lits" Seeking Club Home.

At an enjoyable social session of the "Cabinet" of the president of the Mu-So-Lit Club, convened by invitation of the newly-elected chief executive, Mr. Robert A. Pelham, at his home, 2226 Sixth Street N. W., last Thursday evening, a decided "boost" was given to the project to acquire a permanent home for the organization.

After a warm series of contests at whist, and while discussing the toothsome menu prepared by Mrs. Pelham, a candid review of the ways and means necessary to secure possession, by purchase or otherwise, of a suitable piece of property, was made with great care. A "look-out committee," made up of Messrs. C. J. Pickett, Arthur S. Gray, H. D. Woodson, W. H. Haynes and John C. Nalle, was appointed to investigate the matter and report. The subject will be taken up further tonight at another luncheon, given in honor of the "Cabinet" by Mr. G. Luther Sadgwar, the newly-chosen chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Sadgwar's colleagues on this important committee are Messrs. Charles E. Hall, S. J. Davidson, G. Smith Wormley, M. Grant Lucas, J. C. Nalle, H. D. Woodson, and Arthur S. Gray. Other officers present were: R. W. Thompson, corresponding secretary; Alfred P. Lewis, recording secretary; and Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, treasurer. This is the first time a Mu-So-Lit president has formally entertained his "Cabinet," and the innovation is regarded as a happy one. The workers of the club are jubilant over the progressive "policies" of the Pelham administration.

At the February meeting of the organization, twenty-five additional members will be elected, bringing the roster up to the one hundred limit, recently set by constitutional amendment.

Bethel Literary.

Bethel Literary will hold its next meeting at the usual place of assembly, Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, next Tuesday night, February 6, at which time Prof. Dwight O. W. Holmes, of Baltimore, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Aviation." This lecture will be free to the public.



ATTORNEY SCIPIO A. JONES.

WASHINGTONCOMING ATT'Y SCIPIO JONES

Tuskegean to Speak at Big Meeting of the Masonic Fraternity.

Possibly the greatest meeting ever held in Washington under the auspices of the Masons will be that arranged for the evening of February 9th, at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, which is to be addressed by Dr. Booker T. Washington. More than ordinary interest, at this time, is taken in the appearance of the great educator, and there is no doubt the big auditorium of the church will be packed to the doors by Masons and their friends to hear the address. Dr. Washington promised Prof. Weatherless, the very able District Grandmaster of the Masons, that at some time he would deliver an address before that body, and he has found it convenient to keep his promise on the 9th of this month. It is not generally known, but Dr. Washington is himself a Mason, having been raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular some time ago. He has always, even before his initiation into the mysteries of this great fraternity, taken the liveliest interest in it. Prof. Weatherless and his committee, and in fact the entire Masonic fraternity, are making every arrangement possible to assure a successful meeting. Prior to the big meeting, which is scheduled for 8 o'clock on the evening of the 9th, a dinner will be given the Doctor, by the Masons, at Martin's Cafe, Eleventh and You streets. An unusual treat is in store to those who will be able to hear the Doctor.

REVIVAL MEETING.

Galbraith Church Closing Work.

The annual revival which has been on since Watch Meeting Night, will close Sunday night, Feb. 4th, with a special sermon by the pastor.

Sunday, 3:30 P. M., the first mass meeting for the men of the District of Columbia will be held at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. L. B. Moore, Prof. R. C. Bruce, Dr. A. C. Garner.

The public is cordially invited.

Hampton Alumni.

The Washington Chapter of the Hampton Institute Alumni Association appropriately observed the anniversary of the birth of Gen. Samuel C. Armstrong last night at the beautiful home of Mr. Ferdinand S. Lee, 923 R Street N. W. Eloquent addresses lauding the constructive labors of the big-hearted and far-seeing founders of the Hampton Institute were delivered by Prof. Kelly Miller and Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones. An excellent musical and literary program was presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, Mrs. Emma Lee Williams and Messrs. J. N. Tillman, E. A. Love and E. C. Palmer. A dainty collation was served at the close of the meeting. Mr. F. D. Lee is president of the Hampton Association, and Mr. A. B. Smith is secretary.

Dinner in Honor of Dr. Washington.

The Woman's Fraternity of the District of Columbia, will give a testimonial dinner next Friday evening at 6 o'clock, in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington, prior to his address the same evening at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The affair will take place at the Masonic Hall, 1111 19th street, and covers will be laid for about one hundred. Most Worshipful Grandmaster N. E. Weatherless will act as toastmaster.

taken—that with the witness it is a case of honest mistaken identity. To the man thus accused, though innocent as an angel, with him, this accusation is no plaything, it is a question of life and death.

This striking illustration of the imperfection of all human judgment teaches a valuable lesson, and should be carefully considered by all people, because it is of universal concern; and most especially should it be remembered by our courts and juries. Not that guilty men may escape merited punishment, but to the end that innocent men may not be put to death.

The court and jury are to be congratulated upon the spirit of fairness and justice exhibited by them throughout the trial, which was an high credit to our community, our State and the Southland.

The facts in this case and its final conclusion illustrate the splendid petition held by Lawyer Jones in the courts, and demonstrate his extraordinary skill and ability as a trial lawyer. It shows, further, that the colored attorney, who measures up to the demands of the times, can accomplish results, quite equal to any other lawyer, and that our Southern courts and juries will show him every courtesy and consideration due an attorney.

Lawyer Scipio A. Jones, in this one case, in bringing forcefully to the minds of the people the universal frailty, weakness and uncertainty of all human conclusions—as to ability to perceive clearly, remember correctly, describe accurately or identify truly—in addition to preserving the innocent life of Lee Williams, has rendered mankind an universal service.

Artist Recital Series.

The Washington Conservatory of Music served a rich treat to its patrons in presenting Mr. Harry Williams in song recital last Friday night at the Conservatory Concert Salon.

Mr. Williams has spent about nine years abroad in study, and in close contact with artists and the best of artist life. His broad culture and modest, genial personality have won him many friends in Washington during the few weeks he has been in our midst, and his singing stamps him unqualifiedly an artist. Possibly no greater charm lies in his work than the perfect blending of accompaniment and voice, so perfect one feels the composition is born and developed as we listen.

Mr. Williams' voice is lyric tenor of splendid compass and highest development.

Of the twenty songs he sang each fitted in so well with what went before, it is impossible to do more than mention a few which cling to memory strongest.

"Oh, Fair, O Sweet and Holy," "Nuit Resplendissante."

"With Cello Obligato" and "A Memory" might be classed as reverent reminiscent songs beautifully treated.

"I love, and the world is mine," De Koven's "Indian Love Song," and Tosti's "Carmen," passionate love songs allowing broad scope and big volume of tone.

Mr. Williams' own composition "If I Were a King," and the Tosti group of French songs, were gems. Probably no greater compliment could have been paid the singer than the moment of complete silence before the storm of applause which followed "Just a Wearying for You."

Our own Mr. Jeter assisted in the program with two numbers: The Nocturne, from Mendelssohn's Midsummer Nights Dream, and the Andante from Popper's Concerto. Mr. Jeter's work is always acceptable, and one never tires of listening to the full, rich, broad tone color of his cello playing.

Mr. Henry Grant accompanied Mr. Jeter, and also played a Chopin Polonaise extremely well indeed.

Next recital, Melville Charlton, February 5th, 8 P. M., Metropolitan M. E. Church.

ENDORSED BY CLUB OF 500

Resolved, That we the members of the Lenox Club, endorse W. Calvin Chase, Editor of The Bee, for delegate to the National Convention, which is to meet in the City of Chicago June 18, 1912.

Dr. Shepard in the North.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 30. Dr. James E. Shepard, the young and rising educator in the South is here. He has met many new friends who have given him encouragement in his new work. He will join Judge Pritchard tomorrow, Friday, and will speak in several cities before they return South.

Successful Meeting of Boston Local Negro Business League.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 27. The Boston Local Negro Business League had a red letter night Wednesday of this week. There were about forty present, and a program was arranged which gave a number of men opportunity to tell about their successes they had attained in business.

The stories related by many of the men were remarkable, and during the course of the evening the enthusiasm reached a high pitch.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the President of the National Negro Business League was present as the special guest of the occasion, and delivered a stirring address.

The Local League is planning for much work during the present winter.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings
of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

Senator Williams, of Mississippi, has submitted and printed in the Congressional record a memorial from the Legislature of Mississippi, exonerating Senator-elect Vardaman of charges made against him.

Monday, February 12, being the 103rd anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and the 95th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' birth, the colored posts of the G. A. R. are arranging to observe the occasion with a two-day celebration.

Pellagra caused 368 deaths during 1910, of which 263 were females. The largest number of deaths registered was in the Southland. The District of Columbia had one.

Fines and forfeitures in the Police Court during the quarter from October 9, 1911, to January 13, 1912, amounted to \$22,904.51. The fines and forfeitures in the United States cases amounted to \$4,312.49.

According to a statistical report by Ralph W. Tyler, there have been about twenty-nine Negro officials appointed or retained by President Taft, whose salaries total \$89,400 per annum.

When President Taft returns to the White House from his Ohio trip, he will find his aunt, Miss Delia C. Torrey, of Worcester, Mass., waiting to welcome him with the other members of his family.

The Ohio law limiting women's labor to fifty-four hours a week has been declared constitutional by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Baron Yasuya Uenida, ambassador to the United States, sailed for America last week.

The first funeral procession over Lake Erie ice carried the body of Mrs. Julia Moross from Sandusky, Ohio, to Kelly's Island, for burial.

Between one and two hundred Kansans banqueted at Congress Hall Hotel in celebration of the fifty-first anniversary of the admission of their State into the Union. The State and its people were lauded by the speakers.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has not receded from his position with respect to the Government ownership and control of the telegraph lines of the country under the Postoffice Department. It was the differences of opinion over this recommendation, according to rumor, that gave currency to the stories that Mr. Hitchcock was to leave the Cabinet.

The entire police force of Samlo, Hungary, has gone on strike for more pay. At present its members receive ten dollars per month.

Augustus Smith, the only living member of the class of '42, Yale, celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday anniversary last week. Mr. Smith is the oldest member of the Washington Yale Association.

That the most suitable memorial to Abraham Lincoln would be a free vocational school for instruction in trades and agriculture was urged in a bill introduced by Congressman Sharp. The measure provided that the memorial commission be directed thus to expend its \$2,000,000 appropriation.

The Rt. Rev. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska, received a telegram from Seeward, Alaska, as follows: "Bazaar just finished. Receipts \$1,782. Temperature, 72 degrees below." He explained the telegram by saying the bazaar was held by his church people had turned out to be a success. Bishop Rowe came from Alaska for the purpose of making a plea to President Taft in behalf of the Indians.

All records were broken during the year 1911 in the matter of customs collections in the republic of Santo Domingo. A cablegram to the State Department says that the total amount collected was \$3,485,687.

Washington women are engaged in the crusade against high steps on street cars. They are pushing their protest vigorously to the front.

PRINTERS WANTED.

Plumbers Scarce.

Editor of The Bee: I am a citizen of this city and deeply interested in the vocational school recommended by the colored assistant superintendent, R. C. Bruce, of the colored schools. In addition to what is to be taught in the vocational school, the colored people, in this city, are in need of good printers and plumbers. I have visited several of the colored printing offices, and I find that many of them are in need of good colored printers. The white offices, or offices controlled by white men, colored young men are not permitted to enter and learn their trade. This is a trade that always pays, and is greatly needed in this community. Kindly urge through the columns of your paper the immediate need of colored printers, which I see that has been recommended by Mr. Bruce's report.

We also need colored plumbers. There is but one colored plumber in this city that is permitted to work at the business. All plumbers have to be registered, and as there is only one registered plumber, kindly urge that young men be taught this trade also. Will you oblige many who are interested?

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